

# THE CAMBRIDGE STATISTICS DISCUSSION GROUP

**Tuesday 6th October 1998 7:15 for 7:45**

Hopkinson Room,  
University of Cambridge Computer Laboratory,  
Pembroke Street, Cambridge

## **Prison Drug and HIV Strategies: Prisons Need...**

**Sheila Gore**

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**Abstract:** Willing Anonymous Salivary HIV/ Hepatitis (WASH) studies estimate unbiasedly the prevalence of HIV and injecting risk behaviours in UK prisons. Blood-borne virus transmission continues despite improved access to harm reduction measures for prisoners. Prisons need to give priority to 'off injecting' before 'off drugs'; and to re-think random Mandatory Drugs Testing (rMDT) which is costly, inefficient and an invidious performance indicator.

**Speaker:** Sheila Gore was research assistant in Medical Statistics at the University of Edinburgh and subsequently a lecturer in Statistics at the University of Aberdeen before joining the MRC Biostatistics Unit in Cambridge where she has worked for the past 18 years. She is a former medicines' commissioner and is currently the holder of a MRC special appointment.

Annual General Meeting: Sheila's talk will be preceded by a brief Annual General Meeting.

**Directions:** Enter the New Museums site through the arch from Pembroke Street. Turn to the left in front of the building with the brown iron staircase and pass through the passage way by the tree. Enter the lobby which is straight in front of you and find the back entrance to the Computing Service on your left. When inside follow the signs. It is not possible to park on the New Museums site in the evening. The back entrance to the Computing Service will be locked at 7:45.

### **Next Meetings:**

3rd November - David Underwood (Statwood Partnership).

8th December - Peter Treasure (IPH).

19th January - Max Parmar (CTO).

16th February - Ken Lakhani (Animal Health Trust) on 'Man's Best Friend is Dog, Dog's Best Friend is a Statistician'.

**Supper:** Some members eat regularly in the University Centre before each meeting at 6-15. Feel free to join them.

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### **Agenda:**

- 0.** Approval of Minutes of previous A.G.M.
- 1.** Treasurer's Report.
- 2.** Secretary's Report.
- 3.** Election of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, plus 3 other members of the Committee.
- 4.** Any Other Business.

### **Rules for Election:**

- 1.** FRANCISE: All paid-up members may vote or stand for office.
- 2.** NOMINATIONS: The offices to be filled are Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and three other members of the Committee.

An outgoing Chairman will be a member of the Committee ex officio. At the end of each year the entire Committee will stand down, but may stand again for the same office as they are leaving without nomination. To be elected to a different office a candidate must be nominated by one person from the paid-up membership, not including himself. Nominations do not require a seconder to be valid, but do require the consent of the nominee. One person can be nominated for more than one office, but hold only one. If a person is elected to a higher office (according to the ordering given below) he or she automatically ceases to be a candidate for a lower office. A candidate for the post of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer is automatically a candidate for the Committee if he or she fails to gain election to one of these three posts.

**TURN OVER for the directions to the Hopkinson Room and the abstract of Sheila's talk**